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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Willibald Kraus
For : CHECK VALVE ASSEMBLY
Serial No. : 08/230,083
Filed : April 20, 1994
Group Art Unit : 3744
Examiner : H. Joyce
Last Office Action : November 9, 1999
Attorney Docket No. : TRW 2 136-4

Cleveland, Ohio 44114-2518
May 8, 2000

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington D. C. 20231
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Dear Sir:

The initial period for response to the outstanding Official Action, mailed November 9, 1999 expired on February 9, 2000.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136 petition is hereby made for a 3-month extension of time up to and including May 9, 2000 in which to respond to the Official Action. A check in the amount of \$870.00 for the extension fee is enclosed herewith.

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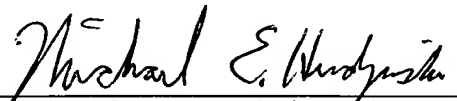
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Respectfully submitted,

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